

**MINUTES OF THE  
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2009**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on January 20, 2009 at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Worthington in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Snyder, Spokely, Young, Briggs, Elder, Worthington

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Kidd, Vitas

**STAFF PRESENT:** Wilfred Wong, Community Development Director; Joseph Scarbrough, Assistant Planner Intern; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. The minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- A. **Historic Design Review - 1021 Lincoln Way (The Pink Pearl) - File HDR 09-2.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval of one 4 square foot plexi-glass sign on an existing monument sign, and one 21.5 square foot wall sign for "The Pink Pearl" located at 1021 Lincoln Way.

Planner Scarbrough presented the staff report. He provided the details of the signs. Staff is in support of the applicant's request.

Commissioners Snyder and Worthington asked for clarification about the monument sign.

Planner Scarbrough explained that it is an existing backlit monument sign. This application is for a slide-in plexi-glass sign.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Marianne Pena of 1021 Lincoln Way introduced herself and stated that she is willing to make any changes the Commission would like.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Briggs **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 09-2 as presented, approving one 4 square foot plexi-glass sign on an existing monument sign, and one 21.5 square foot wall sign as illustrated in Exhibits B-D.

Comm. Elder **SECONDED**.

AYES: Snyder, Spokely, Young, Briggs, Elder, Worthington  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Kidd, Vitas

The motion was approved.

## **ITEM VI:**

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

#### **HISTORIC COLOR PALETTE**

Director Wong presented the staff report. He stated that staff has conducted a survey of several cities (Folsom, Grass Valley, Nevada City, Sacramento, Roseville and Truckee) with historic districts and compared each city with Auburn using the following categories: Time Period, Historic Color Palette for Building, Color Palette and Materials for Signs, Architectural Correlation and Miscellaneous. Staff found the following:

- Only Grass Valley has an approved color palette (Benjamin Moore color palette for buildings). Nevada City recommends the use of the Benjamin Moore color palette.
- Except for Roseville, all the cities' historic districts consist of "Western" style architecture.
- Roseville's historic district more closely resembles Auburn's Downtown.

- From the cities surveyed, Auburn is the only city with two distinct historic districts.

The survey showed that Auburn appears to be unique with two distinct historic districts with a variety of architectural styles. Based on the survey and the amount of work involved to create a color palette for each architectural style, staff recommends that a color palette not be created. In order to provide more guidance to the public for projects within the historic districts, staff has developed additional handouts for both signs and buildings, addressing color and some major concerns expressed by the Commission in the past. For color, the handouts recommend the applicant to consult historic color palettes and that the colors are representative of the architectural style of the building.

The Commissioners agreed that they think this will work well.

**ITEM VII: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

- A. City Council Meetings  
No report.
- B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings  
A meeting is planned for February 3, 2009.
- C. Reports  
None.

**ITEM VIII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS**

Chair Worthington spoke about an "Economic Stimulus Project List" produced by Public Works Director, Jack Warren. Sue Fraizer will scan the report and forward it to the Historic Design Review Commissioners.

**ITEM IX: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

Comm. Snyder stated that the last two signs have been approved without any issues. He is wondering if it is necessary for these types of signs to be reviewed by the Commission. He feels that staff could have approved these signs.

Director Wong stated that if the majority of the Commissioners wish to discuss this at a future meeting, it can be placed on the agenda. The existing ordinance allows the Commission to delegate more authority to staff. It was decided that staff will create a report for the Commission and place this item on an agenda in the near future.

**ITEM X:     ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant